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(54) **LOCAL DELIVERY OF RAPAMYCIN FOR TREATMENT OF PROLIFERATIVE SEQUELAE ASSOCIATED WITH PTCA PROCEDURES, INCLUDING DELIVERY USING A MODIFIED STENT**

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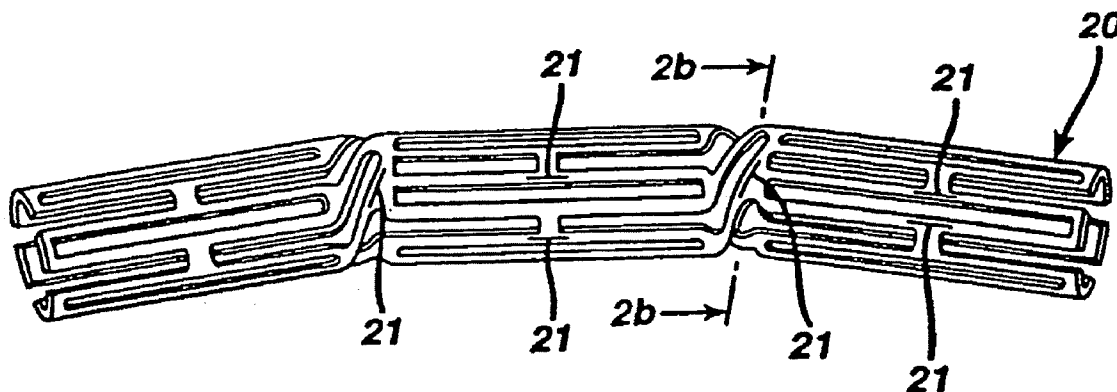
(57) **ABSTRACT**

Methods of preparing intravascular stents with a polymeric coating containing macrocyclic lactone (such as rapamycin or its analogs), stents and stent graphs with such coatings, and methods of treating a coronary artery with such devices. The macrocyclic lactone-based polymeric coating facilitates the performance of such devices in inhibiting restenosis.

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FIG. 1

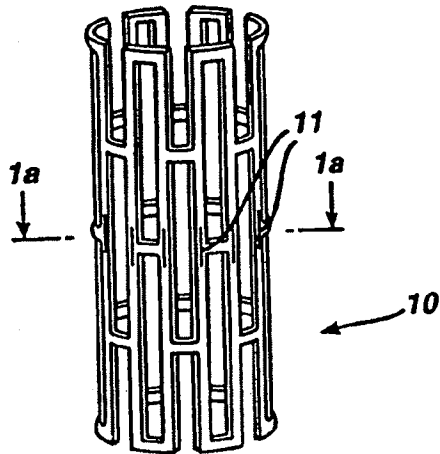


FIG. 1a

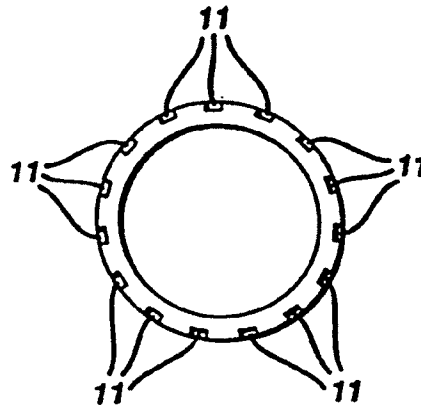


FIG. 2a

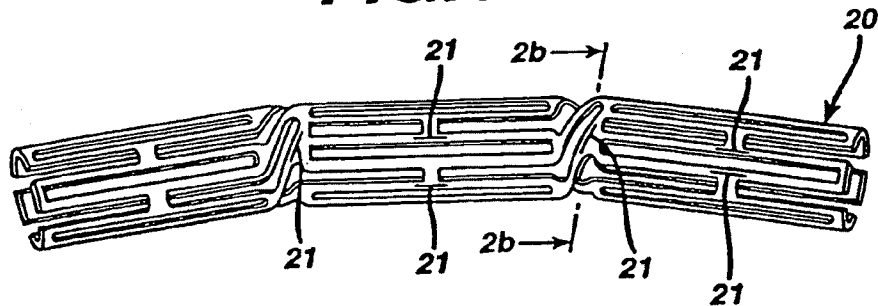
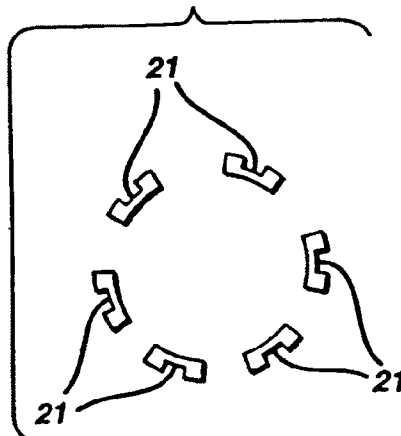


FIG. 2b



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FIG. 3a

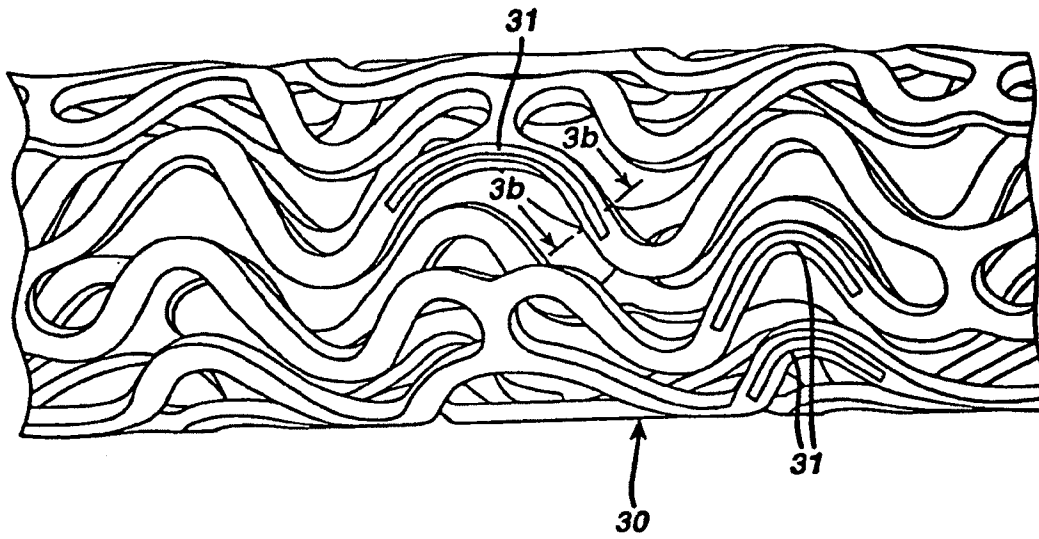


FIG. 3b

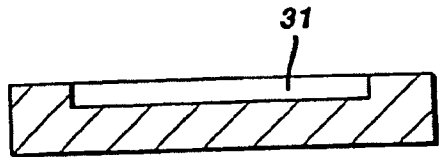
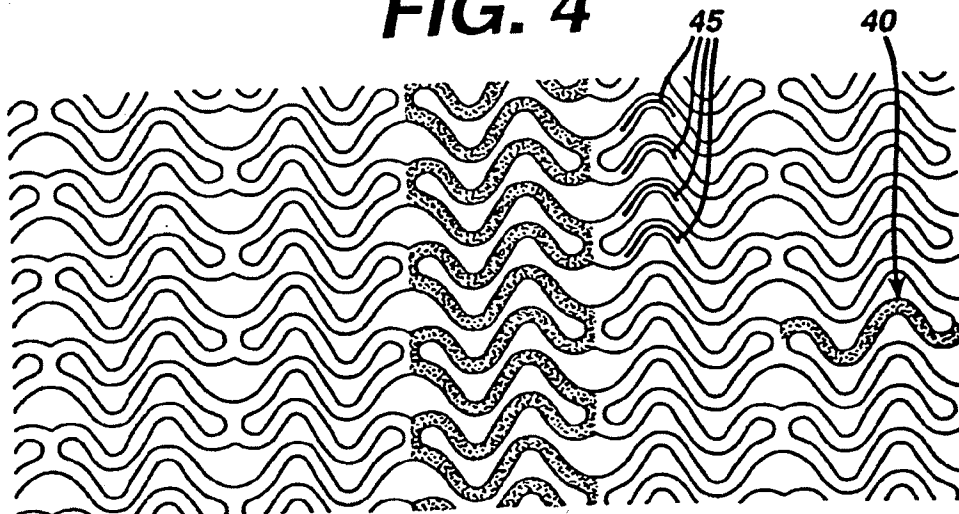


FIG. 4



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**LOCAL DELIVERY OF RAPAMYCIN FOR
TREATMENT OF PROLIFERATIVE
SEQUELAE ASSOCIATED WITH PTCA
PROCEDURES, INCLUDING DELIVERY
USING A MODIFIED STENT**

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED
APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation of Ser. No. 10/408,328, 10
filed Apr. 7, 2003, now issued as U.S. Pat. No. 6,808,536,
which in turn is a continuation of application Ser. No.
09/874,117, filed Jun. 4, 2001, now issued as U.S. Pat. No.
6,585,764, which is a continuation of application Ser. No.
09/061,568, filed Apr. 16, 1998, now issued as U.S. Pat. No. 15
6,273,913, which in turn claims benefit of provisional appli-
cation Ser. No. 60/044,692, filed Apr. 18, 1997.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Delivery of rapamycin locally, particularly from an intra-
vascular stent, directly from micropores in the stent body or
mixed or bound to a polymer coating applied on stent, to
inhibit neointimal tissue proliferation and thereby prevent
restenosis. This invention also facilitates the performance of 25
the stent in inhibiting restenosis.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Re-narrowing (restenosis) of an atherosclerotic coronary 30
artery after percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty
(PTCA) occurs in 10–50% of patients undergoing this
procedure and subsequently requires either further angio-
plasty or coronary artery bypass graft. While the exact
hormonal and cellular processes promoting restenosis are
still being determined, our present understanding is that the
process of PTCA, besides opening the atherosclerotically
obstructed artery, also injures resident coronary arterial
smooth muscle cells (SMC). In response to this injury,
adhering platelets, infiltrating macrophages, leukocytes, or 40
the smooth muscle cells (SMC) themselves release cell
derived growth factors with subsequent proliferation and
migration of medial SMC through the internal elastic lamina
to the area of the vessel intima. Further proliferation and
hyperplasia of intimal SMC and, most significantly, produc- 45
tion of large amounts of extracellular matrix over a period of
3–6 months results in the filling in and narrowing of the
vascular space sufficient to significantly obstruct coronary
blood flow.

Several recent experimental approaches to preventing 50
SMC proliferation have shown promise although the
mechanisms for most agents employed are still unclear.
Heparin is the best known and characterized agent causing
inhibition of SMC proliferation both in vitro and in animal
models of balloon angioplasty-mediated injury. The mecha- 55
nism of SMC inhibition with heparin is still not known but
may be due to any or all of the following: 1) reduced
expression of the growth regulatory protooncogenes c-fos
and c-myc, 2) reduced cellular production of tissue plasmi-
nogen activator; are 3) binding and dequstration of growth
regulatory factors such as fibrovalent growth factor (FGF).

Other agents which have demonstrated the ability to
reduce myointimal thickening in animal models of balloon
vascular injury are angiopeptin (a somatostatin analog),
calcium channel blockers, angiotensin converting enzyme 65
inhibitors (captopril, cilazapril), cyclosporin A, trapidil (an
antianginal, antiplatelet agent), terbinafine (antifungal),

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colchicine and taxol (antitubulin antiproliferatives), and
c-myc and c-myb antisense oligonucleotides.

Additionally, a goat antibody to the SMC mitogen platelet
derived growth factor (PDGF) has been shown to be effec-
tive in reducing myointimal thickening in a rat model of
balloon angioplasty injury, thereby implicating PDGF
directly in the etiology of restenosis. Thus, while no therapy
has as yet proven successful clinically in preventing res-
tenosis after angioplasty, the in vivo experimental success of
several agents known to inhibit SMC growth suggests that
these agents as a class have the capacity to prevent clinical
restenosis and deserve careful evaluation in humans.

Coronary heart disease is the major cause of death in men
over the age of 40 and in women over the age of fifty in the
western world. Most coronary artery-related deaths are due
to atherosclerosis. Atherosclerotic lesions which limit or
obstruct coronary blood flow are the major cause of
ischemic heart disease related mortality and result in 500,
000–600,000 deaths in the United States annually. To arrest
the disease process and prevent the more advanced disease
states in which the cardiac muscle itself is compromised,
direct intervention has been employed via percutaneous
transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA) or coronary
artery bypass graft (CABG)

PTCA is a procedure in which a small balloon-tipped
catheter is passed down a narrowed coronary artery and then
expanded to re-open the artery. It is currently performed in
approximately 250,000–300,000 patients each year. The
major advantage of this therapy is that patients in which the
procedure is successful need not undergo the more invasive
surgical procedure of coronary artery bypass graft. A major
difficulty with PTCA is the problem of post-angioplasty
closure of the vessel, both immediately after PTCA (acute
reocclusion) and in the long term (restenosis).

The mechanism of acute reocclusion appears to involve
several factors and may result from vascular recoil with
resultant closure of the artery and/or deposition of blood
platelets along the damaged length of the newly opened
blood vessel followed by formation of a fibrin/red blood cell
thrombus. Recently, intravascular stents have been exam-
ined as a means of preventing acute reclosure after PTCA.
Restenosis (chronic reclosure) after angioplasty is a more
gradual process than acute reocclusion: 30% of patients with
subtotal lesions and 50% of patients with chronic total
lesions will go on to restenosis after angioplasty. While the
exact mechanism for restenosis is still under active investi- 45
gation, the general aspects of the restenosis process have
been identified.

In the normal arterial wall, smooth muscle cells (SMC)
proliferate at a low rate (<0.1%/day; ref). SMC in vessel
wall exists in a 'contractile' phenotype characterized by
80–90% of the cell cytoplasmic volume occupied with the
contractile apparatus. Endoplasmic reticulum, golgi bodies,
and free ribosomes are few and located in the perinuclear
region. Extracellular matrix surrounds SMC and is rich in
heparin-like glycosylaminoglycans which are believed to be
responsible for maintaining SMC in the contractile pheno-
typic state.

Upon pressure expansion of an intracoronary balloon
catheter during angioplasty, smooth muscle cells within the
arterial wall become injured. Cell derived growth factors
such as platelet derived growth factor (PDGF), basic fibro-
blast growth factor (bFGF), epidermal growth factor (EGF),
etc. released from platelets (i.e., PDGF) adhering to the
damaged arterial luminal surface, invading macrophages
and/or leukocytes, or directly from SMC (i.e., bFGF) pro-
voke a proliferation and migratory response in medial SMC.

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These cells undergo a phenotypic change from the contractile phenotype to a 'synthetic' phenotype characterized by only few contractile filament bundles but extensive rough endoplasmic reticulum, golgi and free ribosomes. Proliferation/migration usually begins within 1-2 days post-injury and peaks at 2 days in the media, rapidly declining thereafter (Campbell et al., In: *Vascular Smooth Muscle Cells in Culture*, Campbell, J. H. and Campbell, G. R., Eds, CRC Press, Boca Ration, 1987, pp. 39-55); Clowes, A. W. and Schwartz, S. M., *Circ. Res.* 56:139-145, 1985).

Finally, daughter synthetic cells migrate to the intimal layer of arterial smooth muscle and continue to proliferate. Proliferation and migration continues until the damaged luminal endothelial layer regenerates at which time proliferation ceases within the intima, usually within 7-14 days postinjury. The remaining increase in intimal thickening which occurs over the next 3-6 months is due to an increase in extracellular matrix rather than cell number. Thus, SMC migration and proliferation is an acute response to vessel injury while intimal hyperplasia is a more chronic response. (Liu et al., *Circulation*, 79:1374-1387, 1989).

Patients with symptomatic reocclusion require either repeat PTCA or CABG. Because 30-50% of patients undergoing PTCA will experience restenosis, restenosis has clearly limited the success of PTCA as a therapeutic approach to coronary artery disease. Because SMC proliferation and migration are intimately involved with the pathophysiological response to arterial injury, prevention of SMC proliferation and migration represents a target for pharmacological intervention in the prevention of restenosis.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Novel Features and Applications to Stent Technology

Currently, attempts to improve the clinical performance of stents have involved some variation of either applying a coating to the metal, attaching a covering or membrane, or embedding material on the surface via ion bombardment. A stent designed to include reservoirs is a new approach which offers several important advantages over existing technologies.

Local Drug Delivery from a Stent to Inhibit Restenosis

In this application, it is desired to deliver a therapeutic agent to the site of arterial injury. The conventional approach has been to incorporate the therapeutic agent into a polymer material which is then coated on the stent. The ideal coating material must be able to adhere strongly to the metal stent both before and after expansion, be capable of retaining the drug at a sufficient load level to obtain the required dose, be able to release the drug in a controlled way over a period of several weeks, and be as thin as possible so as to minimize the increase in profile. In addition, the coating material should not contribute to any adverse response by the body (i.e., should be non-thrombogenic, non-inflammatory, etc.). To date, the ideal coating material has not been developed for this application.

An alternative would be to design the stent to contain reservoirs which could be loaded with the drug. A coating or membrane of biocompatible material could be applied over the reservoirs which would control the diffusion of the drug from the reservoirs to the artery wall.

One advantage of this system is that the properties of the coating can be optimized for achieving superior biocompatibility and adhesion properties, without the addition requirement of being able to load and release the drug. The size,

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shape, position, and number of reservoirs can be used to control the amount of drug, and therefore the dose delivered.

DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The invention will be better understood in connection with the following figures in which FIGS. 1 and 1A are top views and section views of a stent containing reservoirs as described in the present invention;

FIGS. 2a and 2b are similar views of an alternate embodiment of the stent with open ends;

FIGS. 3a and 3b are further alternate figures of a device containing a grooved reservoir; and

FIG. 4 is a layout view of a device containing a reservoir as in FIG. 3.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Pharmacological attempts to prevent restenosis by pharmacologic means have thus far been unsuccessful and all involve systemic administration of the trial agents. Neither aspirin-dipyridamole, ticlopidine, acute heparin administration, chronic warfarin (6 months) nor methylprednisolone have been effective in preventing restenosis although platelet inhibitors have been effective in preventing acute reocclusion after angioplasty. The calcium antagonists have also been unsuccessful in preventing restenosis, although they are still under study. Other agents currently under study include thromboxane inhibitors, prostacyclin mimetics, platelet membrane receptor blockers, thrombin inhibitors and angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors. These agents must be given systemically, however, and attainment of a therapeutically effective dose may not be possible; antiproliferative (or anti-restenosis) concentrations may exceed the known toxic concentrations of these agents so that levels sufficient to produce smooth muscle inhibition may not be reached (Lang et al., 42 *Ann. Rev. Med.*, 127-132 (1991); Popma et al., 84 *Circulation*, 1426-1436 (1991)).

Additional clinical trials in which the effectiveness for preventing restenosis of dietary fish oil supplements, thromboxane receptor antagonists, cholesterol lowering agents, and serotonin antagonists has been examined have shown either conflicting or negative results so that no pharmacological agents are as yet clinically available to prevent post-angioplasty restenosis (Franklin, S. M. and Faxon, D. P., 4 *Coronary Artery Disease*, 232-242 (1993); Serruys, P. W. et al., 88 *Circulation*, (part 1) 1588-1601, (1993).

Conversely, stents have proven useful in preventing reducing the proliferation of restenosis. Stents, such as the stent 10 seen in layout in FIG. 4, balloon-expandable slotted metal tubes (usually but not limited to stainless steel), which when expanded within the lumen of an angioplastied coronary artery, provide structural support to the arterial wall. This support is helpful in maintaining an open path for blood flow. In two randomized clinical trials, stents were shown to increase angiographic success after PTCA, increase the stenosed blood vessel lumen and to reduce the lesion recurrence at 6 months (Serruys et al., 331 *New Eng Jour. Med.*, 495, (1994); Fischman et al., 331 *New Eng Jour. Med.*, 496-501 (1994). Additionally, in a preliminary trial, heparin coated stents appear to possess the same benefit of reduction in stenosis diameter at follow-up as was observed with non-heparin coated stents. Additionally, heparin coating appears to have the added benefit of producing a reduction in sub-acute thrombosis after stent implantation (Serruys et al., 93 *Circulation*, 412-422, (1996). Thus, 1) sustained

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mechanical expansion of a stenosed coronary artery has been shown to provide some measure of restenosis prevention, and 2) coating of stents with heparin has demonstrated both the feasibility and the clinical usefulness of delivering drugs to local, injured tissue off the surface of the stent.

Numerous agents are being actively studied as antiproliferative agents for use in restenosis and have shown some activity in experimental animal models. These include: heparin and heparin fragments (Clowes and Karnovsky, 265 *Nature*, 25–626, (1977); Guyton, J. R. et al. 46 *Circ. Res.*, 625–634, (1980); Clowes, A. W. and Clowes, M. M., 52 *Lab. Invest.*, 611–616, (1985); Clowes, A. W. and Clowes, M. M., 58 *Circ. Res.*, 839–845 (1986); Majesky et al., 61 *Circ. Res.*, 296–300, (1987); Snow et al., 137 *Am. J. Pathol.*, 313–330 (1990); Okada, T. et al., 25 *Neurosurgery*, 92–898, (1989) 15 colchicine (Currier, J. W. et al., 80 *Circulation*, 11–66, (1989), taxol (ref), angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors (Powell, J. S. et al., 245 *Science*, 186–188 (1989), angiopeptin (Lundergan, C. F. et al., 17 *Am. J. Cardiol. (Suppl. B)*, 132B–136B (1991), Cyclosporin A (Jonasson, L. 20 et al., 85 *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.*, 2303 (1988), goat-anti-rabbit PDGF antibody (Ferns, G. A. A., et al., 253 *Science*, 1129–1132 (1991), terbinafine (Nemecek, G. M. et al., 248 *J. Pharmacol. Exp. Ther.*, 1167–11747 (1989), trapidil (Liu, M. W. et al., 81 *Circulation*, 1089–1093 (1990), interferon- 25 gamma (Hansson, G. K. and Holm, 84 *J. Circulation*, 1266–1272 (1991), steroids (Colburn, M. D. et al., 15 *J. Vasc. Surg.*, 510–518 (1992), see also Berk, B. C. et al., 17 *J. Am. Coll. Cardiol.*, 111B–117B (1991), ionizing radiation (ref), fusion toxins (ref) antisense oligonucleotides (ref), 30 gene vectors (ref), and rapamycin (see below).

Of particular interest in rapamycin. Rapamycin is a macrolide antibiotic which blocks IL-2-mediated T-cell proliferation and possesses antiinflammatory activity. While the precise mechanism of rapamycin is still under active investigation, rapamycin has been shown to prevent the G₁ to S phase progression of T-cells through the cell cycle by inhibiting specific cell cyclins and cyclin-dependent protein kinases (Siekierka, *Immunol. Res.* 13: 110–116, 1994). The antiproliferative action of rapamycin is not limited to T-cells; Marx et al. (*Circ Res* 76:412–417, 1995) have demonstrated that rapamycin prevents proliferation of both rat and human SMC in vitro while Poon et al. have shown the rat, porcine, and human SMC migratin can also be inhibited by rapamycin (*J Clin Invest* 98: 2277–2283, 1996). 45 Thus, rapamycin is capable of inhibiting both the inflammatory response known to occur after arterial injury and stent implantation, as well as the SMC hyperproliferative response. In fact, the combined effects of rapamycin have been demonstrated to result in a diminished SMC hyperproliferative response in a rat femoral artery graft model and in both rat and porcine arterial balloon injury models (Gregory et al., *Transplantation* 55:1409–1418, 1993; Gallo et al., in press, (1997)). These observations clearly support the potential use of rapamycin in the clinical setting of post-angioplasty restenosis.

Although the ideal agent for restenosis has not yet been identified, some desired properties are clear: inhibition of local thrombosis without the risk systemic bleeding complications and continuous and prevention of the dequale of arterial injury, including local inflammation and sustained prevention smooth muscle proliferation at the site of angioplasty without serious systemic complications. Inasmuch as stents prevent at least a portion of the restenosis process, an agent which prevents inflammation and the proliferation of SMC combined with a stent may provide the most efficacious treatment for post-angioplasty restenosis. 65

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Experiments

Agents: Rapamycin (sirolimus) structural analogs (macrocyclic lactones) and inhibitors of cell-cycle progression.

Delivery Methods:

These can vary:

Local delivery of such agents (rapamycin) from the struts of a stent, from a stent graft, grafts, stent cover or sheath.

Involving comixture with polymers (both degradable and nondegrading) to hold the drug to the stent or graft.

or entrapping the drug into the metal of the stent or graft body which has been modified to contain micropores or channels, as will be explained further herein.

or including covalent binding of the drug to the stent via solution chemistry techniques (such as via the Carmeda process) or dry chemistry techniques (e.g. vapour deposition methods such as rf-plasma polymerization) and combinations thereof.

Catheter delivery intravascularly from a tandem balloon or a porous balloon for intramural uptake

Extravascular delivery by the pericardial route

Extravascular delivery by the advential application of sustained release formulations.

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prevention of tumor expansion from stents

prevent ingrowth of tissue into catheters and shunts inducing their failure.

1. Experimental Stent Delivery Method—Delivery from Polymer Matrix:

Solution of Rapamycin, prepared in a solvent miscible with polymer carrier solution, is mixed with solution of polymer at final concentration range 0.001 weight % to 30 weight % of drug. Polymers are biocompatible (i.e., not elicit any negative tissue reaction or promote mural thrombus formation) and degradable, such as lactone-based polyesters or copolyesters, e.g., polylactide, polycaprolactone, glycolide, polyorthoesters, polyanhydrides; poly-amino acids; polysaccharides; polyphosphazenes; poly(ether-ester) copolymers, e.g., PEO-PLLA, or blends thereof. Nonabsorbable biocompatible polymers are also suitable candidates. Polymers such as polydimethylsiloxane; poly(ethylene-vinylacetate); acrylate based polymers or copolymers, e.g., poly(hydroxyethyl methacrylate), polyvinyl pyrrolidone; fluorinated polymers such as polytetrafluoroethylene; cellulose esters.

Polymer/drug mixture is applied to the surfaces of the stent by either dip-coating, or spray coating, or brush coating or dip/spin coating or combinations thereof, and the solvent allowed to evaporate to leave a film with entrapped rapamycin.

2. Experimental Stent Delivery Method—Delivery from Microporous Depots in Stent Through a Polymer Membrane Coating:

Stent, whose body has been modified to contain micropores or channels is dipped into a solution of Rapamycin, range 0.001 wt % to saturated, in organic solvent such as acetone or methylene chloride, for sufficient time to allow solution to permeate into the pores. (The dipping solution can also be compressed to improve the loading efficiency.) After solvent has been allowed to evaporate, the stent is dipped briefly in fresh solvent to remove excess surface bound drug. A solution of polymer, chosen from any identified in the first experimental method, is applied to the stent as detailed above. This outer layer of polymer will act as diffusion-controller for release of drug.

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3. Experimental Stent Delivery Method—Delivery via Lysis of a Covalent Drug Tether

Rapamycin is modified to contain a hydrolytically or enzymatically labile covalent bond for attaching to the surface of the stent which itself has been chemically derivatized to allow covalent immobilization. Covalent bonds such as ester, amides or anhydrides may be suitable for this.

4. Experimental Method—Pericardial Delivery

A: Polymeric Sheet Rapamycin is combined at concentration range previously highlighted, with a degradable polymer such as poly(caprolactone-glycolide) or non-degradable polymer, e.g., polydimethylsiloxane, and mixture cast as a thin sheet, thickness range 10 μ to 1000 μ . The resulting sheet can be wrapped perivascularly on the target vessel. Preference would be for the absorbable polymer.

B: Conformal Coating: Rapamycin is combined with a polymer that has a melting temperature just above 37° C., range 40°–45° C. Mixture is applied in a molten state to the external side of the target vessel. Upon cooling to body temperature the mixture solidifies conformably to the vessel wall. Both non-degradable and absorbable biocompatible polymers are suitable.

As seen in the figures it is also possible to modify currently manufactured stents in order to adequately provide the drug dosages such as rapamycin. As seen in FIGS. 1a, 2a and 3a, any stent strut 10, 20, 30 can be modified to have a certain reservoir or channel 11, 21, 31. Each of these reservoirs can be open or closed as desired. These reservoirs can hold the drug to be delivered. FIG. 4 shows a stent 40 with a reservoir 45 created at the apex of a flexible strut. Of course, this reservoir 45 is intended to be useful to deliver rapamycin or any other drug at a specific point of flexibility of the stent. Accordingly, this concept can be useful for "second generation" type stents.

In any of the foregoing devices, however, it is useful to have the drug dosage applied with enough specificity and enough concentration to provide an effective dosage in the lesion area. In this regard, the reservoir size in the stent struts must be kept at a size of about 0.0005" to about 0.003". Then, it should be possible to adequately apply the drug dosage at the desired location and in the desired amount.

These and other concepts will be disclosed herein. It would be apparent to the reader that modifications are possible to the stent or the drug dosage applied. In any event, however, the any obvious modifications should be perceived to fall within the scope of the invention which is to be realized from the attached claims and their equivalents.

What is claimed is:

1. A stent having a coating applied thereto, wherein said coating comprises a biocompatible polymer/drug mixture and said drug is rapamycin or a macrocyclic lactone analog thereof.

2. A stent according to claim 1 comprising a generally thin walled cylinder containing a plurality of generally solid struts to which said coating is applied.

3. A stent according to claim 2 further comprising a channel formed in at least one of said struts.

4. A stent according to claim 3, wherein said channel has a closed perimeter on all sides, an open top and a generally rectangular perimeter, and said channel is smaller in all dimensions than said strut.

5. A stent according to claim 1 wherein the coating is dip-coated onto the stent.

6. A stent according to claim 1 wherein the coating is spray-coated onto the stent.

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7. A stent according to claim 1 wherein said rapamycin or macrocyclic lactone analog thereof is contained in the coating at a weight percentage of about 30%.

8. A stent according to claim 1 wherein the coating comprises a degradable polymer.

9. A stent according to claim 1 wherein the coating comprises a nonabsorbable polymer.

10. A stent according to claim 1 wherein the coating comprises a lactone-based polyester; a lactone-based copolyester; a polyanhydride; a polyaminoacid; a polysaccharide; a polyphosphazene; a poly(ether-ester) copolymer; a polydimethylsiloxane; a poly(ethylene)vinylacetate; a poly(hydroxy)ethylmethacrylate; an acrylate based polymer; an acrylate based copolymer; a polyvinyl pyrrolidone; a cellulose ester; a fluorinated polymer; or a blend thereof.

11. A stent according to claim 10 wherein the coating comprises a lactone-based polyester.

12. A stent according to claim 10 wherein the coating comprises a lactone-based copolyester.

13. A stent according to claim 10 wherein the coating comprises a polyanhydride.

14. A stent according to claim 10 wherein the coating comprises a polyaminoacid.

15. A stent according to claim 10 wherein the coating comprises a polysaccharide.

16. A stent according to claim 10 wherein the coating comprises a polyphosphazene.

17. A stent according to claim 10 wherein the coating comprises a poly(ether-ester) copolymer.

18. A stent according to claim 10 wherein the coating comprises a polydimethylsiloxane.

19. A stent according to claim 10 wherein the coating comprises a poly(ethylene)vinylacetate.

20. A stent according to claim 10 wherein the coating comprises a poly(hydroxy)ethylmethacrylate.

21. A stent according to claim 10 wherein the coating comprises an acrylate based polymer.

22. A stent according to claim 10 wherein the coating comprises an acrylate based copolymer.

23. A stent according to claim 10 wherein the coating comprises a polyvinyl pyrrolidone.

24. A stent according to claim 10 wherein the coating comprises a cellulose ester.

25. A stent according to claim 10 wherein the coating comprises a fluorinated polymer.

26. A stent according to claim 10 wherein the fluorinated polymer is polytetrafluoroethylene.

27. A stent according to any one of claims 1 to 26 wherein said drug is a macrocyclic lactone analog of rapamycin.

28. A stent according to any one of claims 1 to 26 that provides a controlled release of said rapamycin or macrocyclic lactone analog thereof over a period of several weeks.

29. A stent according to claim 28 wherein said drug is a macrocyclic lactone analog of rapamycin.

30. A stent according to any one of claims 1 to 26 that releases said rapamycin or macrocyclic lactone analog thereof over a period of at least 14 days.

31. A stent according to claim 30 wherein said drug is a macrocyclic lactone analog of rapamycin.

32. A stent according to any one of claims 1 to 26 wherein said rapamycin or macrocyclic lactone analog thereof is present in a therapeutically beneficial amount to inhibit neointimal proliferation.

33. A stent according to claim 32 wherein said drug is a macrocyclic lactone analog of rapamycin.

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34. A stent according to claim 33 that releases said macrocyclic lactone analog of rapamycin over a period of at least 14 days.

35. A stent according to claim 34 wherein the coating comprises a fluorinated polymer.

36. A stent according to claim 35 wherein the coating further comprises an acrylate based polymer or copolymer.

37. A stent according to claim 33 that provides a controlled release of said rapamycin or macrocyclic lactone analog thereof over a period of several weeks.

38. A stent according to claim 37 wherein the coating comprises a fluorinated polymer.

39. A stent according to claim 38 wherein the coating further comprises an acrylate based polymer or copolymer.

40. A device comprising a metallic stent, a biocompatible polymeric carrier and a drug, wherein said drug is rapamycin or a macrocyclic lactone analog thereof and is present in an amount effective to inhibit neointimal proliferation.

41. A device according to claim 40 wherein said polymeric carrier and drug are mixed together.

42. A device according to claim 40 wherein said polymeric carrier is bound to the drug.

43. A device according to claim 40 wherein the drug is entrapped on the surface of the stent by said polymeric carrier.

44. A device according to claim 40 wherein said stent comprises a generally thin walled cylinder containing a plurality of generally solid struts to which said polymeric carrier and drug are applied.

45. A device according to claim 44 further comprising a channel formed in at least one of said struts.

46. A device according to claim 45, wherein said channel has a closed perimeter on all sides, an open top and a generally rectangular perimeter, and said channel is smaller in all dimensions than said strut.

47. A device according to claim 40 wherein the polymeric carrier and drug are dip-coated onto the stent.

48. A device according to claim 40 wherein the polymeric carrier and drug are spray-coated onto the stent.

49. A device according to claim 40 wherein the weight ratio of drug to polymeric carrier is about 3:7.

50. A device according to claim 40 wherein the polymeric carrier comprises a degradable polymer.

51. A device according to claim 40 wherein the polymeric carrier comprises a nonabsorbable polymer.

52. A device according to claim 40 wherein the polymeric carrier comprises a lactone-based polyester; a lactone-based copolyester; a polyanhydride; a polyaminoacid; a polysaccharide; a polyphosphazene; a poly(ether-ester) copolymer; a polydimethylsiloxane; a poly(ethylene)vinylacetate; a poly(hydroxy)ethylmethacrylate; an acrylate based polymer; an acrylate based copolymer; a polyvinyl pyrrolidone; a cellulose ester; a fluorinated polymer; or a blend thereof.

53. A device according to claim 52 wherein the polymeric carrier comprises a lactone-based polyester.

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54. A device according to claim 52 wherein the polymeric carrier comprises a lactone-based copolyester.

55. A device according to claim 52 wherein the polymeric carrier comprises a polyanhydride.

56. A device according to claim 52 wherein the polymeric carrier comprises a polyaminoacid.

57. A device according to claim 52 wherein the polymeric carrier comprises a polysaccharide.

58. A device according to claim 52 wherein the polymeric carrier comprises a polyphosphazene.

59. A device according to claim 52 wherein the polymeric carrier comprises a poly(ether-ester) copolymer.

60. A device according to claim 52 wherein the polymeric carrier comprises a polydimethylsiloxane.

61. A device according to claim 52 wherein the polymeric carrier comprises a poly(ethylene)vinylacetate.

62. A device according to claim 52 wherein the polymeric carrier comprises a poly(hydroxy)ethylmethacrylate.

63. A device according to claim 52 wherein the polymeric carrier comprises an acrylate based polymer.

64. A device according to claim 52 wherein the polymeric carrier comprises an acrylate based copolymer.

65. A device according to claim 52 wherein the polymeric carrier comprises a polyvinyl pyrrolidone.

66. A device according to claim 52 wherein the polymeric carrier comprises a cellulose ester.

67. A device according to claim 52 wherein the polymeric carrier comprises a fluorinated polymer.

68. A device according to claim 67 wherein the fluorinated polymer is polytetrafluoroethylene.

69. A device according to any one of claims 40 to 68 wherein said drug is a macrocyclic lactone analog of rapamycin.

70. A device according to any one of claims 40 to 68 that provides a controlled release of said rapamycin or macrocyclic lactone analog thereof over a period of several weeks.

71. A device according to claim 70 wherein said drug is a macrocyclic lactone analog of rapamycin.

72. A device according to claim 71 wherein the polymeric carrier comprises a fluorinated polymer.

73. A device according to claim 72 wherein the polymeric carrier further comprises an acrylate based polymer or copolymer.

74. A device according to any one of claims 40 to 68 that releases said drug over a period of at least 14 days.

75. A device according to claim 74 wherein said drug is a macrocyclic lactone analog of rapamycin.

76. A device according to claim 75 wherein the polymeric carrier comprises a fluorinated polymer.

77. A device according to claim 76 wherein the polymeric carrier further comprises an acrylate based polymer or copolymer.

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(54) **LOCAL DELIVERY OF RAPAMYCIN FOR TREATMENT OF PROLIFERATIVE SEQUELAE ASSOCIATED WITH PTCA PROCEDURES, INCLUDING DELIVERY USING A MODIFIED STENT**

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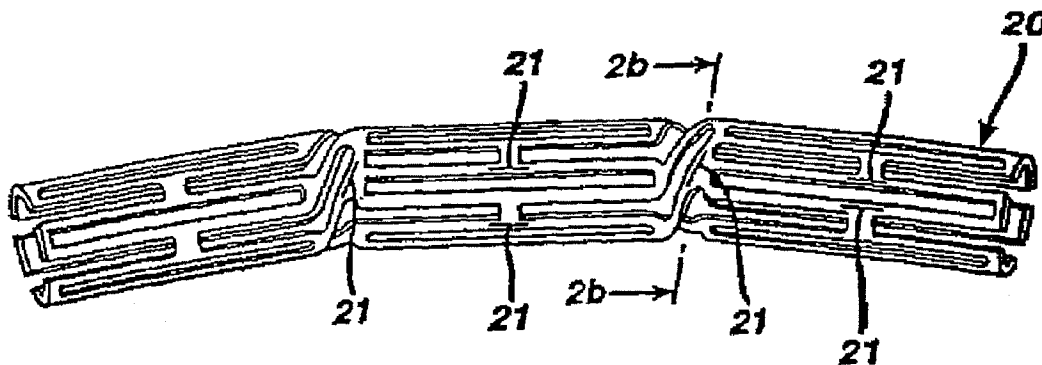
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Methods of preparing intravascular stents with a polymeric coating containing macrocyclic lactone (such as rapamycin or its analogs), stents and stent graphs with such coatings, and methods of treating a coronary artery with such devices. The macrocyclic lactone-based polymeric coating facilitates the performance of such devices in inhibiting restenosis.

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